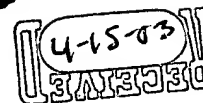


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In response to the office action dated October 18, 2002 (for which petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of time), please amend the subject patent application as follows. The changes made to the claims by the current amendment are shown in the attachment hereto which is captioned "Version marked to show changes made."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 20 with the following rewritten claim:

20. (Amended) A movement vector generating process for an image encoding system, comprising: